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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 30, 2002 (Paper No. 9), please consider the enclosed RCE and the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-6 and 8-20 are pending in the application and stand rejected. Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 1,6, and 8-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Request for Continued Examination and IDS mailed on May 2, 2002

This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 30, 2002 (Paper No. 9). Applicants mailed an IDS on May 2, 2002 which apparently crossed in the mail with the above-referenced Office Action. By virtue of the enclosed RCE, the Examiner is respectfully requested to remove the finality of the Office Action and consider the IDS. Additionally, the Applicants present the below remarks in support of patentability.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as supposedly anticipated by Moder et al. (US 5,986,165). Claim 1 is not anticipated by the Moder et al. patent because Moder does not disclose each and every feature of Amended Claim 1. For example, there is no disclosure in the